conducted through a reputed Child Welfare Organisation. Its recommendations/suggestions have been taken into account while formulating a new scheme, (iv) other reports of shortcomings/irregularities are also taken up with State Governments.

Security and Protection of Adolescents

†117. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to formulate any comprehensive plan for security and protection of the adolescents of the age group of 18 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government intend to consider any such plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Women and Child Development has formulated a scheme named Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) largely for children upto eighteen years of age. The Working Group on Development of Children for the 11th Plan has also recommended this scheme. The aim of this scheme is to institutionalize essential services and strengthen structures, enhance capacities at all levels, create data base and knowledge base for child protection services, strengthen child protection at family and community level and ensure appropriate inter-sectoral response at all levels. The scheme supports the creation of new institutional facilities as well as maintenance of existing institutional facilities for both children in conflict with law and children in need of care and protection. It also aims to facilitate establishment and functioning of Juvenile Justice Boards (JJBs) and Child Welfare Committees (CWCs), Special Juvenile Police Units (SJPUs), State Child Protection Units (SCPUs) and District Child Protection Units (DCPUs) through the State Governments.

Amount under Balika Samridhi Yojana

118. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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